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SUMMARY: ACTING POLCOUNSELOR ON AUGUST 27 CALLED ON ASHOK CHIB, JOINT SECRETARY, PAKISTAN DIVISION, MEA, TO REVIEW THE CURRENT STATE OF INDO-PAK RELATIONS. FROM THE 40-MINUTE DISCUSSION THAT ENSUED WE CONCLUDE THAT THE MEA SEES OBSTACLES TO MOVEMENT IN ANY AREA OF INDO-PAKISTAN RELATIONS OTHER THAN THE SALAL DAM. CHIB SET FORTH THE INDIAN POSITIONS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE BANGLADESH FACTOR: INDIA HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID ANY STATEMENT OR ACTION THAT WOULD LEAD PAKISTAN TO ANY FALSE CONCLUSIONS REGARDING INDIAN INTENTIONS TOWARD BANGLADESH. THE GOI SEES NO REASON WHY THE EVENTS
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IN BANGLADESH SHOULD HAVE ANY AFFECT ON INDO-PAK RELATIONS.

INDIA, OF COURSE, TOOK AN INTEREST IN PAKISTAN'S EARLY RECOGNITION OF THE "ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH." BUT INDIA DOES NOT BELIEVE THE FOREIGN POLICY ORIENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT IN DACCA TO BE MUCH CHANGED BY THE AUGUST 15 COUP.

2. SALAL DAM: THE INDIAN DELEGATION RETURNED ON AUGUST 26 FROM THE 8-DAY TECHNICAL MEETING WITH THEIR PAKISTANI COUNTERPARTS ON THE DESIGN OF THE SALAL DAM. THE PAKISTANIS REQUESTED AN ADDITIONAL MEETING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. THE GOI IS PREDISPOSED TO ACCEPT THIS BID, ALTHOUGH IT MEANS EXTENDING THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. ASSUMING THE SEPTEMBER MEETING TAKES PLACE, THE TECHNICIANS ON EACH SIDE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS ON SEPTEMBER 25 RATHER THAN AUGUST 25. THE INDIAN SIDE HAS TAKEN EVERY POSSIBLE STEP TO ACCOMMODATE PAKISTAN ON THE SALAL ISSUE. PAKISTANI EXPERTS HAVE STUDIED THE ENGINEERING DRAWINGS, VISITED THE SITE, AND RECEIVED 20 PAGES OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION WHICH THEY REQUESTED. THE GOI SEES NO OBSTACLE TO AGREEMENT ON THE SALAL.

3. CIVIL AIR TALKS: THE GOI IS PREPARED TO RESUME CIVIL AIR TALKS WHENEVER PAKISTAN MAKES A SUBSTANTIVE BID WHICH INDICATES A CHANGE IN POSITION WHICH WOULD LEAD TO AGREEMENT. THE INDIANS ARE CONVINCED THERE MUST BE PRELIMINARY WORK WHICH MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE PAKISTANI POSITION HAS CHANGED AND AGREEMENT WILL RESULT AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE TALKS.

4. THE EMERGENCY IRRITANT: THE GOI FINDS "VERY IRRITATING" HE PAKISTANI CHARGES "MADE OFFICIALLY BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE IN AT LEAST TWO GULF STATES," THAT PAKISTAN ANTICIPATES AN INDIAN DIVERSION AGAINST PAKISTAN LAUNCHED BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN ORDER TO SHORE UP HER POSITION. TO SEE THIS KIND OF THINKING IN THE PAKISTANI PRESS IS UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT TO THE INDIAN SIDE, RAISING THIS KIND OF ISSUE OFFICIALLY TWO MONTHS AFTER THE EMERGENCY HAS BEEN IN FORCE, SUGGESTS THAT PAKISTAN IS NOT VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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GOI RECOGNIZES THAT PAKISTANI DIPLOMATS RAISE THIS SPECTRE IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR EFFORT TO WIN THE SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT. THIS DOES NOT, HOWEVER, MAKE THE MATTER ANY MORE AGREEABLE TO THE GOI.

5. KASHMIR: BHUTTO MAY CALL FOR A SUMMIT MEETING ON KASHMIR AS OFTEN AS HE WISHES. IN THE CONTEXT, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS TO THE INDIAN SIDE AS IF BHUTTO IS

USING THIS BID TO REVERSE THE SIMLA PROCESS AND STIR UP HOSTILITY TOWARD INDIA. WERE HE SRIIOUS ABOUT ESTABLISH-
ING "A LINE OF PEACE IN KASHMIR." HE WOULD INITIATE A
POLICY OF FREER MOVEMENT AND TRADE THAT WOULD PROMOTE
THE KIND OF CLIMATE WHICH WOULD MAKE A FORAML SETTLEMENT
POSSIBLE. HIS AGITATION FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IS
DISQUIETING.

6. COMMENT: OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT CHIB AT LEAST DOES
NOT EXPECT ANY RAPID MOVEMENT ON A NEW ROUND OF CIVIL
AIR TALKS OR ANY OTHER MAJOR ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES. HE WAS VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THE "EMERGENCY
IRRITANT." CHIB EMPHASIZED THE GOI COMMITMENT TO THE
SIMLA PROCESS REMAINED CONSTANT. HE SEEMED TO SAY,
HOWEVER, INDIA IS IN NO HURRY. HE IMPLIED THE WATERS
WERE MUDDIED BY THE FIGHT OVER THE SECURITY COUNCIL
SEAT, AND NOT MUCH WOULD HAPPEN BEFORE THAT ISSUE
WAS RESOLVED.
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